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## **Sen. Schauer Announces Grants for At-Risk Kids**

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LANSING -- Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Jackson and Calhoun Counties) expressed appreciation today for three Department of Human Services (DHS) grants awarded in his district.

As part of a state-wide \$5 million package announced by DHS this morning, both Albion and Jackson Community Schools and Highfields, Inc., a Jackson County based non-profit that works with at-risk youth and their families, received grants for the development and enhancement of before and after school programs.

“It’s vital to the growth of students to provide learning opportunities both in and out of school. These grants will allow the continuation of effective and proven programs,” Sen. Schauer said. “I have seen programs like Twist and Brighter Futures garner excellent results in Albion. I hope they are seen as model programs for the community and the state.”

Bright Futures is a mentoring program based on professional skill building. Twist is a faith-based program that focuses on physical education.

“After school programs frequently provide at-risk youth with the only guidance they may receive outside of the classroom. Funding such programs helps these kids grow into mature, responsible young adults.

Schauer, a long-time supporter of early childhood programs, was instrumental in both school grants.

The funds for these programs are provided through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which is administered federally through the Office of Family Assistance. Stipulations include a provision for academic assistance and social development guidance.

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*Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.*